

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NH

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

January 5, 2021 Public Hearing (Con't)

***Applicant - Ben's Pure Maple Products, LLC***

**ZBA Members present:** John Kieley, Deb Deleso, Greg Robidoux, Bill Ezell, Mary Beth Ayvazian, Gail Cromwell (Alternate) & Honey Hastings (Alternate)

**Others present:** Tom Hanna (BCM Environmental Land Law), Silas Little (Attorney), Lilliane LeBel, 20+ interested people.

*Chair John Kieley called the hearing to order at 5:30 and notified the participants that this hearing was being held electronically pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8, Emergency Order #12, Section 3.*

*Kieley mentioned that all of the required public hearing notifications were successfully implemented.*

Kieley summarized this hearing was a continuation of the initial application for special exception under Temple's zoning ordinance, to construct a 16080 square foot building for production purposes which includes 3000 square feet of retail space for the sale of a wide variety of products. Under the special exception rules, the applicant must prove that the conditions of Section 13A Special Exception Standards, and 13B Special Exception Conditions, are or will be met. He also stated this was the initial hearing on the recently submitted general exception variance application.

Kieley stated he would like to recognize Honey Hastings for her 18 years as a member of the Zoning Board, and that she has asked to retire from the committee effective December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. Honey was asked to stay at this meeting since one of the voting members was not yet present on the zoom call.

Kieley named the voting members and asked if any of them had any reason to recuse themselves. All answered they had no reason.

Kieley went on to announce that a very unfortunate event has happened. Town Attorney Bill Drescher had unexpectedly passed away last week. Therefore, due to the complexity and legal complications of the case, Kieley wished to enter a motion to continue the hearing to a date and time when council for the ZBA can be present. Kieley presented 3 possible dates and discussed them with the board, Tom Hanna and Silas Little to determine which date would be the best. Kieley also asked Tom Hanna when he expects to have the real estate information from Brian Underwood. Tom replied in a day or two. Ultimately, Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 was agreed by all parties. Ezell seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Honey Hastings asked to now leave the meeting since all voting members were now present. She also spoke about her journey as a member of the committee and asked that her resignation be effective tonight. Kieley motioned to accept Honey's resignation effective tonight with regret. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous to accept her resignation.

At 5:45 Kieley motioned to adjourn the hearing until January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Deb Deleso seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Kieley also mentioned if anyone wanted copies of letters or other materials relevant to the case, to contact the town office at [boardassistant@templenh.org](mailto:boardassistant@templenh.org)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais